

# Bird Checklists of the United States

## Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge



*Hobe Sound, Florida*

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Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge is located on the southeast coast of Florida in Martin County. It comprises 967 acres of which 735 consist of coastal sand dune and mangrove swamp while the remaining 232 acres is a sand pine-scrub oak community.

Hobe Sound NWR was established in 1969 primarily to benefit and protect endangered marine turtles along its 3.5 mile beach. Although few birds nest on the refuge, the relatively undisturbed beach and sand pine-scrub oak community is extremely valuable for thousands of migrating birds.

This checklist includes 183 species of birds and is based on observations by refuge personnel and local bird authorities. If you should find unlisted species, please let us know at Refuge Headquarters, (561) 546-6141. We will appreciate your help in updating our records.

### **Ethics for Birdwatching**

Take care not to disturb nesting birds, exposing eggs and young to extreme temperatures and predation.

Disturb wintering wildlife as little as possible, particularly during critical feeding and resting periods. They need all of their energy reserves to withstand the stresses of harsh weather and migration.

**Do not litter.** Many birds die when they become entangled in fishing lines, 6-pack rings and other trash, or when they mistake garbage for food.

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### **How to Use Your Checklist**

The bird checklist was designed to be informative and simple to use. The list is arranged in the

order established by the American Ornithological Union. Symbols which appear in this checklist represent the following:

### Seasonal Abundance

Sp - Spring - March to May

S - Summer - June to August

F - Fall - September to November

W - Winter - December to February

### Seasonal Abundance

a - abundant: a common species which is very numerous

c - common: certain to be seen in suitable habitat

u - uncommon: present but not certain to be seen

o - occasional: seen only a few times a season

r - rare: seen at intervals of 2 to 5 years

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LOONS AND GREBES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Common Loon	-	-	o	u
___ Horned Grebe	-	-	-	u
___ Pied-billed Grebe	u	u	u	c
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PELICANS AND ALLIES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Northern Gannet	-	-	o	o
___ American White Pelican	-	-	o	u
___ Brown Pelican	c	c	c	c
___ Double-crested Cormorant	u	u	u	u
___ Anhinga	u	u	u	u
___ Magnificent Frigatebird	o	u	-	-
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HERONS, EGRETS AND ALLIES	Sp	S	F	W
___ American Bittern	-	-	o	o
___ Least Bittern	o	o	o	o
___ Great Blue Heron	u	u	u	u
___ Great Egret	u	u	u	u
___ Snowy Egret	c	c	u	u
___ Little Blue Heron	u	u	u	u
___ Tricolored Heron	c	c	u	u
___ Reddish Heron	-	-	-	r
___ Cattle Egret	u	u	u	u
___ Green Heron	u	u	u	u
___ Black-crowned Night-Heron	o	o	o	o
___ Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	u	c	c	u
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IBISES, SPOONBILL, STORK		Sp	S	F	W
___	White Ibis	c	c	a	c
___	Glossy Ibis	-	-	o	o
___	Roseate Spoonbill	-	-	-	r
___	Wood Stork	u	u	u	u
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VULTURES		Sp	S	F	W
___	Black Vulture	u	u	c	c
___	Turkey Vulture	c	u	a	a
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WATERFOWL		Sp	S	F	W
___	Wood Duck	u	-	u	u
___	Green-winged Teal	-	-	-	o
___	American Black Duck	-	-	-	r
___	Mottled Duck	-	-	o	o
___	Mallard	-	-	-	o
___	Northern Pintail	-	-	-	o
___	Blue-winged Teal	o	-	u	u
___	Northern Shoveler	-	-	-	r
___	Gadwall	-	-	-	r
___	American Wigeon	-	-	-	o
___	Canvasback	-	-	-	r
___	Redhead	-	-	-	r
___	Ring-necked Duck	-	-	-	o
___	Lesser Scaup	-	-	-	o
___	Hooded Merganser	-	-	-	o
___	Red-breasted Merganser	-	-	-	u
___	Ruddy Duck	-	-	-	r
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HAWKS AND ALLIES		Sp	S	F	W
___	Osprey	u	u	c	c
___	Swallow-tailed Kite	o	o	-	-
___	Bald Eagle	u	o	u	u
___	Sharp-shinned Hawk	-	-	o	o
___	Cooper's Hawk	-	-	o	o
___	Red-shouldered Hawk	u	u	u	u
___	Broad-winged Hawk	-	-	o	o
___	Red-tailed Hawk	u	u	u	u
___	American Kestrel	u	-	c	c
___	Merlin	-	-	-	o
___	Peregrine Falcon	-	-	o	o
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QUAILS		Sp	S	F	W
___	Northern Bobwhite	u	u	u	u
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RAILS AND ALLIES		Sp	S	F	W
___	Clapper Rail	u	u	u	u
___	Common Moorhen	o	o	o	o
___	American Coot	-	-	-	o

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SHOREBIRDS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Black-bellied Plover	u	-	u	c
___ Wilson's Plover	c	c	c	u
___ Semipalmated Plover	c	-	c	c
___ Piping Plover	u	-	u	u
___ Killdeer	u	u	u	u
___ American Oystercatcher	-	-	-	o
___ Greater Yellowlegs	u	-	u	u
___ Lesser Yellowlegs	u	-	u	u
___ Willet	c	u	c	c
___ Spotted Sandpiper	u	-	u	u
___ Marbled Godwit	-	-	-	r
___ Ruddy Turnstone	u	-	u	u
___ Red Knot	-	-	-	r
___ Sanderling	c	-	c	c
___ Semipalmated Sandpiper	u	-	u	u
___ Western Sandpiper	-	-	o	u
___ Least Sandpiper	u	-	u	c
___ Dunlin	u	-	u	c
___ Short-billed Dowitcher	u	-	u	c
___ Long-billed Dowitcher	u	-	u	u
___ Common Snipe	-	-	-	o

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GULLS AND TERNS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Laughing Gull	u	u	u	u
___ Bonaparte's Gull	u	-	u	u
___ Ring-billed Gull	-	-	-	o
___ Herring Gull	u	-	u	u
___ Great Black-backed Gull	-	-	-	o
___ Gull-billed Tern	-	o	-	-
___ Caspian Tern	u	-	u	c
___ Royal Tern	u	u	u	u
___ Sandwich Tern	u	-	u	u
___ Common Tern	u	-	u	u
___ Forster's Tern	o	-	o	u
___ Least Tern	a	c	c	-
___ Black Tern	-	-	-	o
___ Black Skimmer	u	u	u	u

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PIGEONS, DOVES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Rock Dove	o	o	o	o
___ Mourning Dove	a	a	a	a
___ Common Ground-Dove	a	a	a	a

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CUCKOOS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Yellow-billed Cuckoo	o	o	-	-
___ Mangrove Cuckoo	r	-	-	-

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OWLS	Sp	S	F	W
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___ Eastern Screech-Owl	u	u	u	u
___ Great Horned Owl	o	o	o	o
___ Barred Owl	o	o	o	o
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GOATSUCKERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Common Nighthawk	u	u	u	-
___ Chuck-will's-widow	u	u	u	u
___ Whip-poor-will	u	-	u	u
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SWIFTS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Chimney Swift	o	o	o	o
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HUMMINGBIRDS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Ruby-throated Hummingbird	u	u	u	u
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KINGFISHERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Belted Kingfisher	c	u	c	c
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WOODPECKERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Red-headed Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
___ Red-bellied Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
___ Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	o	-	o	u
___ Downy Woodpecker	o	-	o	o
___ Hairy Woodpecker	o	o	o	o
___ Northern Flicker	u	u	u	u
___ Pileated Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
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FLYCATCHERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Eastern Wood-Pewee	u	-	u	o
___ Eastern Phoebe	u	-	u	o
___ Great Crested Flycatcher	u	u	u	u
___ Eastern Kingbird	u	u	u	-
___ Gray Kingbird	o	u	o	-
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SWALLOWS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Purple Martin	o	o	o	-
___ Tree Swallow	u	-	u	u
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JAYS AND CROWS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Blue Jay	c	c	c	c
___ Florida Scrub Jay	u	u	u	u
___ American Crow	u	u	u	u
___ Fish Crow	a	a	a	a
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CREEPERS AND WRENS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Brown Creeper	-	-	-	r
___ Carolina Wren	c	c	c	c
___ House Wren	u	-	u	c
KINGLETS AND GNATCATCHERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Ruby-crowned Kinglet	u	-	u	u
___ Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	u	-	u	c
THRUSHES AND ROBINS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Hermit Thrush	u	-	u	u
___ American Robin	u	-	u	c
MIMIC THRASHERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Gray Catbird	u	-	u	c
___ Northern Mockingbird	c	c	c	c
___ Brown Thrasher	c	c	c	c
WAXWINGS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Cedar Waxwing	o	-	o	u
SHRIKES	Sp	S	F	W
___ Loggerhead Shrike	u	u	u	u
STARLINGS	Sp	S	F	W
___ European Starling	u	u	u	u
VIREOS	Sp	S	F	W
___ White-eyed Vireo	u	u	u	u
___ Solitary Vireo	u	-	u	u
___ Red-eyed Vireo	o	-	o	r
___ Black-whiskered Vireo	o	o	o	-
WARBLERS	Sp	S	F	W
___ Orange-crowned Warbler	u	-	u	u
___ Northern Parula	u	u	u	u
___ Yellow Warbler	o	-	o	o
___ Cape May Warbler	o	-	o	o
___ Black-throated Blue Warbler	o	-	o	o
___ Yellow-rumped Warbler	u	-	u	c
___ Yellow-throated Warbler	u	o	u	u
___ Pine Warbler	u	u	u	u

___	Prairie Warbler	u	u	o	o
___	Palm Warbler	o	-	o	u
___	Blackpoll Warbler	o	-	o	-
___	Black-and-white Warbler	u	-	u	c
___	American Redstart	o	-	o	o
___	Prothonotary Warbler	o	-	o	-
___	Ovenbird	u	-	u	u
___	Common Yellowthroat	u	u	u	u
___	Hooded Warbler	o	-	o	-
___	Yellow-breasted Chat	o	-	o	-

CARDINALS AND ALLIES		Sp	S	F	W
___	Northern Cardinal	u	u	u	u
___	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	o	-	o	-
___	Indigo Bunting	o	-	o	o
___	Painted Bunting	o	-	o	o

SPARROWS AND ALLIES		Sp	S	F	W
___	Eastern Towhee	u	u	u	u
___	Chipping Sparrow	o	-	o	u
___	Field Sparrow	-	-	-	o
___	Savannah Sparrow	o	-	o	u
___	Grasshopper Sparrow	o	-	o	o
___	Sharp-tailed Sparrow	-	-	-	r

BLACKBIRDS AND ALLIES		Sp	S	F	W
___	Bobolink	o	-	o	-
___	Red-winged Blackbird	u	u	u	u
___	Eastern Meadowlark	o	o	o	o
___	Rusty Blackbird	-	-	-	o
___	Boat-tailed Grackle	u	u	u	u
___	Common Grackle	u	u	u	u
___	Orchard Oriole	o	-	o	-
___	Spot-breasted Oriole	o	o	o	o
___	Baltimore Oriole	o	-	o	o

FINCHES		Sp	S	F	W
___	Pine Siskin	-	-	-	r
___	American Goldfinch	o	-	o	u

OLD WORLD SPARROWS		Sp	S	F	W
___	House Sparrow	o	o	o	o

These additional seven species are of accidental occurrence, in most cases substantiated by only one or two records.

Brown Booby

Scarlet Ibis

Fulvous Whistling Duck

Canary-winged Parakeet

Smooth-billed Ani

Carolina Chickadee  
Blackburnian Warbler

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**Sighting Notes**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

No. Species: \_\_\_\_\_

Route or area: \_\_\_\_\_

Observers: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

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